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29 JAN 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
SUBJECT: Request for Study and a Report on AAM/MIG-21
Capability of Red China

1. Recent information points to the possibility of the
Chicombs having acquired an air-to-air missile capability
associated with their MIG-21 Aircraft. Should the missile
be an improved Sidewinder type, or a similar weapon of native
manufacture, it would present a serious threat to the IDEALIST/
TACKLE Program. There has been no firm evidence, to our
knowledge, of an attempted intercept employing an air-to-air
missile against the [] U-2 Aircraft.

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2. I request that OSI make a special study to determine
if an air-to-air missile capability exists in Communist China,
particularly one which might be a threat to the [] U-2 at
operational altitude, (69,000 - 72,000 feet). The study and
resulting report should be comprehensive and in detail. We
recommend that NPIC, NSA and DIA be asked to coordinate on
this study and that the results be based on latest photography
available, as well as all other recent intelligence which
might contribute to the report.

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3. Subject report should be available not later than
11 February 1965.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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